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things that was interesting to me, and it has remained that way, was the early recognition of Madison County that they were, in fact, the optimum county to be transferred within the guidelines that we had adopted, and certainly within the deviations that the federal courts have made over the past time. Had any of the other counties had a ... had a similar warning, I'm sure that they would have launched at least as intensive a campaign to keep that from happening. So here we are on whatever this is, eighty-eighth day, with Saline...with Madison County still projecting out into the 3rd District and with the ...with the 3rd District approaching the Missouri River on the southeast as well as on the north side of the state. People talk about moving impacting one area. Well, unless my memory has failed me, southeast Nebraska has had counties taken out each year for the last 30 years. York probably ought to have been one that was taken out 10 years ago and moved to the 3rd District, but the numbers didn't align in a way that allowed that to happen without moving half of a county. So this time this Legislature has saw fit to move half of a county, something that we didn't have to do before we were able to reach an agreement by doing whole counties, and that's where Jefferson County was moved out of the district, out of the 1st, although it's also within the fringes of the southeast Nebraska area. It's a completely different part of the state and, yet, it gets impacted and no one seems to be altogether concerned about that either, Senator Cunningham. One of the things that also interested me through this and it was not ever on the committee or in any of discussions, and I was present when compromises were provided for discussion and I did retain my right to protest and provide a substitute plan on the floor, but there were some conversations outside of those environments about R's and D's one of the more interesting things is that none of the configurations really makes any change in that, as if it even mattered a great deal in the state of Nebraska. So I think this is a good proposal. We had one similar to this earlier except that it was aimed towards zero deviation and it resulted in a division of Saline County that did not represent any community of interest and, matter of fact, it split one community in order to achieve zero deviation. This essentially is that plan and it was rejected earlier by ... I was asked and I said that I could not support that because of how the division was. This one is